## SOME THAT HITLER DIDN'T GET

The wrecked, sunken and crewless vessels above are part of the French Fleet that Hitler didn't get when he took over the great French naval base at Toulon. The photo, from an enemy source, shows a German sentry looking over some of the ships scuttled by their own officers and crews last Nov. 27.

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

1. What makes a good conversationalist?
2. What should a person do with his left hand while eating at the table?
3. Should one always give a tip in an inconspicuous manner?
4. Is it proper to give out any explanations in the event of a broken engagement?
5. What should a girl do at a party when an inebriated guest insists upon kissing her?
6. Is it correct to use a chafing dish at dinner,

1. A good conversationalist is not merely one who talks well himself, but who knows how to draw others into discussion, and who knows how to give others the opportunity to appear to advantage instead of attempting to display his own superiority. 2. Unless the left hand is in use, which is of course necessary at times, it should be kept in the lap. 3. Yes, always. 4. No; it is much better taste to say nothing, not even to one's most intimate friends. It is wise to bear in mind the words of the old proverb: "Least said, soonest mended." 5. Tell this guest frankly and positively, without displaying anger, that his actions are objectionable. If he persists, speak to your host or hostess. 6. No. the chafing dish is for a supper or breakfast.

A nautical mile is equivalent to 6,080 feet, or nearly one-sixth more than a land, or statute, mile.

## WHAT SCIENCE IS DOING

### COLD PREVENTION

Three doctors in Minneapolis have been conducting large-scale experiments among students at the University of Minnesota to see whether colds can be prevented by taking substantial doses of vitamins, New Republic reports. Their conclusion is that they cannot.

It is true that the students who took a multiple-vitamin preparation reported a decrease of more than 60 per cent in the number of colds during the winter. The trouble is that when a similar group of students were given pills of no therapeutic effect whatever, they also showed an almost exactly parallel reduction.

The doctors say that this effect is noticeable with almost every sort of experimental treatment to prevent colds among large numbers of people. Whatever you give them, even if it is only bread pills, the number of illnesses is much reduced.

Is this because many colds are psychological in origin, and something about the experiment aids the psychology?

Is it because people under observation take better care of themselves than is normal? Are they perhaps ashamed of catching cold and do they, part of the time, conceal the fact that they have done so?

Here is an interesting problem of medicine.

## HOW CAN I??

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove a heat stain from a highly-polished article of furniture?

A. Apply the following in order, using a separate cloth for each: Kerosene, alcohol and sweet or linseed oil. Rub the last in well until the spot is no longer visible.

Q. How can I avoid loss of vitamins when cooking vegetables?

A. A good way to cook vegetables is by steaming. This reduces the loss of minerals and vitamins and is also economical, as one may cook several different vegetables at the same time.

Q. How can I keep syrup from crystallizing?

A. Any boiled syrup can be prevented from crystallizing by the addition of a pinch of baking soda while it is cooking.

A. What is a good cleanser for brass, copper and pewter?

A. A mixture of salt with an equal quantity of flour and vinegar. Apply a paste made up of these ingredients and allow to remain on an hour, and then rub off. Wash with water and polish.

Q. How can I shorten the time it takes to peel apples and tomatoes?

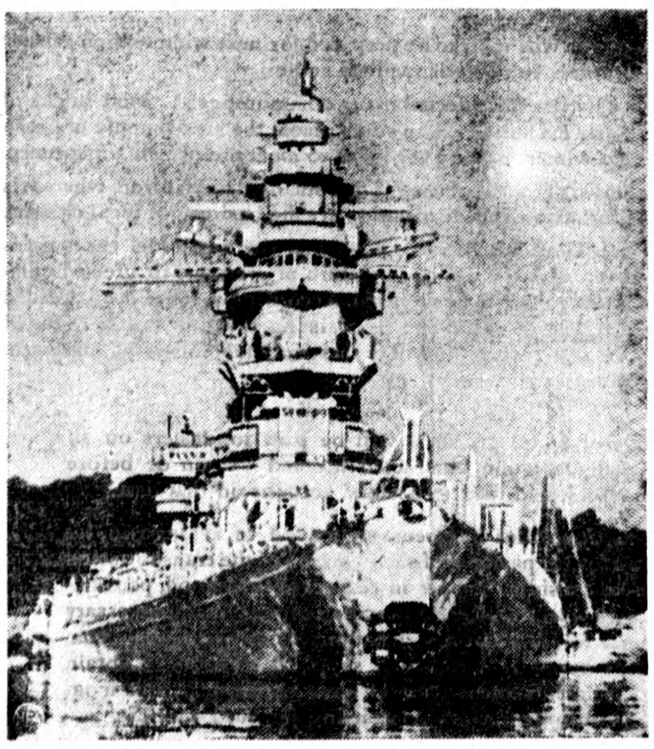
A. Steep the apples in boiling water for a minute. Tomatoes should be placed in a colander, then in hot water for a moment, and the skins will come off easily.

## Didn't Have Jeep: Not An American

A sign of the motor age: A Senegalese soldier shot two German parachute troopers who claimed they were Americans. He explained to his French commanding officer: "I knew they were not Americans because they did not have a jeep."

The banana grows either wild or under cultivation in almost every tropical region of the world.

## DERELICT IN TOULON



The photo above, from an enemy source, shows the great battle cruiser, Strasbourg, once a proud unit of the French Fleet, resting on the harbor bottom at Toulon. The Strasbourg was one of the French warships scuttled by their crews last Fall.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## Some Animals Can Tell the Time

A fine golden retriever of my acquaintance is in the habit of tapping at the door of his master's bedroom in the early morning, says a writer in The London Spectator. The room for the moment is a sick room, and the nurse noticing the dog's punctuality took particular care to test it For the first four mornings fo the trial, which still proceeds, the dog came to the door at 7.22 a.m. precisely.

Some of the stupidest animals have as singularly accurate a sense of time. A shepherd whom I knew experimented with a flock of sheep, into whose pen he deposited a supply of roots at a punctual hour in the afternoon. If he was a minute or two late every sheep was on its feet; if he was the least bit too early every sheep was lying down.

The "voice of the stomach" seems to be as accurate as the voice of affection.

## GENERAL WARMTH

Knitted cap and warm clothing keep Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of allied operations in North Africa, in smiling mood on air tour of Tunisian front.

Indian corn is grown successfully below sea level on the Caspian plains and at an altitude of 12,000 feet in the Peruvian Andes.

## Have You Heard?

A large flustered woman, dragging a small boy, sailed through the station barrier and approached her waiting husband.

"Hallo," said the man. "You're late."

"Oh don't talk about it, Alf." replied his wife. "I never 'ad such a time! What with young Bill 'anging on me 'and, me 'anging on to the luggage-rack, the train 'ung u in a tunnel and you 'anging about in the station for me, I was in a regular state of suspense."

**A boy had fallen into a river and the kind old lady stopped until he was safely on the bank.**

**"How did you come to fall in?" she asked.**

**"I didn't come to fall in," he said, "I came to fish."**

The mistress of the house heard the bell ring and saw a Chinese peddler standing at the front door. Quickly retreating, she called out to the maid: "There is a Chinese at the door. You go, Ella."

That was too much for the peddler. He stuck his head in the door and shouted indignantly, "You go 'ella yourself!"

**Husband: "What extravagance! You have two hats to match that one dress."**

**Wife: "Oh, no I haven't. I've only one dress to match the two hats."**

An English tourist traveling in the North of Scotland, far away from anywhere, exclaimed to one of the natives:

"Why, what do you do when any of you are ill? You can never get a doctor."

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